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LOVE

Confessions

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"I, a lonely widow, did not
dare dream of love...
I was forced to choose
a man with money...
until..."

See-

JOHNNY PICKS A FATHER

*Also in this issue-***NO CHANCE FOR KISSES****I WAS A THIRD WHEEL****SPINSTER BY CHOICE**

*Faith Domergue,
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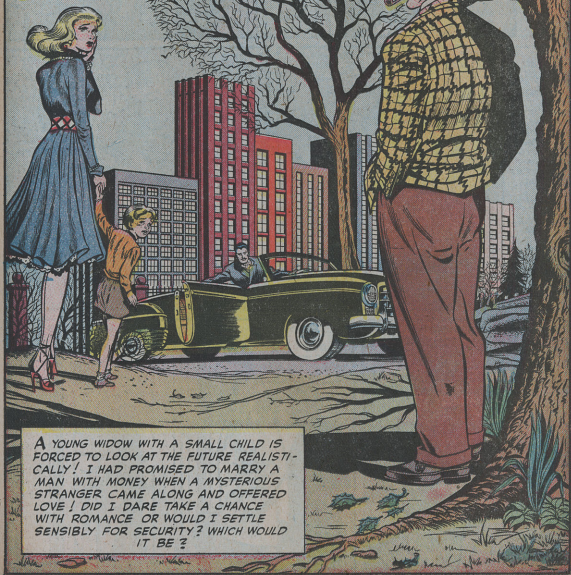
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A YOUNG WIDOW WITH A SMALL CHILD IS FORCED TO LOOK AT THE FUTURE REALISTICALLY! I HAD PROMISED TO MARRY A MAN WITH MONEY WHEN A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER CAME ALONG AND OFFERED LOVE! DID I DARE TAKE A CHANCE WITH ROMANCE OR WOULD I SETTLE SENSIBLY FOR SECURITY? WHICH WOULD IT BE?

My nose was strictly to the grindstone trying to support myself and my small son!



ANOTHER CUSTOMER INSISTS UPON HAVING KAYE SHELBY GIVE HER A PERMANENT!

I'LL TAKE HER IN A FEW MINUTES!

BUT IT HAD ITS REWARDS!

MAMMA! YOU'RE HOME!

HELLO, JOHNNY! HOW'S MY BIG BOY?



MRS. LOGAN TOOK ME TO THE PARK!

WASN'T THAT NICE OF HER! WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT MRS. LOGAN?



I HAD BEEN LUCKY TO FIND THIS LADY TO LOOK AFTER JOHNNY! SHE LIVED IN THE SAME BUILDING SO DIDN'T CHARGE ME TOO MUCH! SHE OFTEN CAME EVENINGS, TOO, SO THAT I COULD GO OUT!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT WITH MR. HARRIS!

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO!

YOU MUSTN'T SAY THAT, JOHNNY! A YOUNG GIRL YOUR MOTHER'S AGE NEEDS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME ONCE IN A WHILE!



RIGHT! THERE'S GLEN NOW! I'LL GET IT!

R-RING!



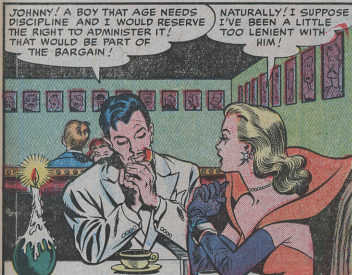
HELLO, KAYE! ARE YOU READY? DON'T WANT TO BE LATE!



AS SOON AS I GET MY WRAP! COME ON IN, GLEN!

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GLEN HARRIS WAS A MAN OF MEANS! NOT THE MOST ROMANTIC PERSON IN THE WORLD, I'LL ADMIT, BUT A GOOD RISK FOR A SECURE FUTURE! THAT WAS WHAT I WANTED! BEFORE HE TOOK ME HOME THAT NIGHT...



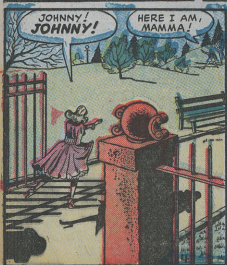
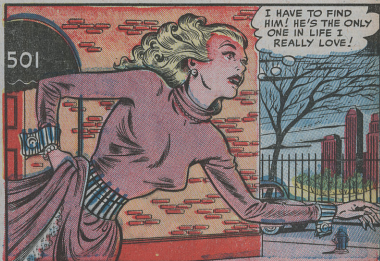
IT WAS A PROSAIC PROPOSAL BUT IT WAS LIKE LIFTING A LOAD FROM MY SHOULDERS! I COULD QUIT WORK AND LOOK AFTER JOHNNY AND HE COULD BE GIVEN GOOD SCHOOLING AND EVERY ADVANTAGE!



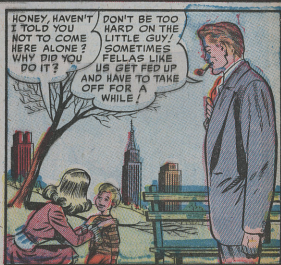
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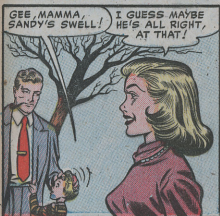
JOHNNY GOT WORSE AS TIME WENT ON! AND WHEN GLEN WAS AROUND, HIS WHOLE ATTITUDE WAS ONE OF REBELLION! THERE WAS SOMETHING BETWEEN THOSE TWO THAT JUST DIDN'T CLICK! THEN ONE DAY, WHEN I CAME HOME A LITTLE EARLY...



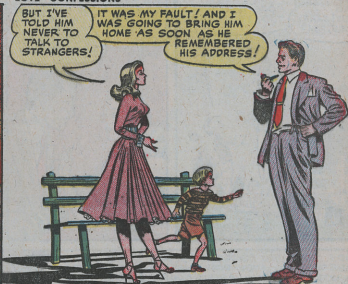
My HEAD REELED AS THE RELIEF OF FINDING HIM REPLACED MY PANIC! I SAID A SILENT PRAYER OF THANKS! BUT I HAD TO SCOLD HIM FOR WHAT HE'D DONE!



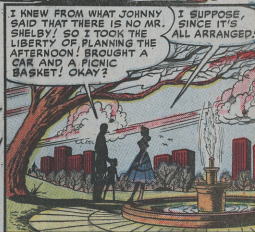
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WHY DID MY HEART BEAT SO HARD AS I SAT NEXT TO SANDY IN THE CAR? WHY HAD I PREVIOUSLY PHONED GLEN TO SAY I'D BE BUSY THAT DAY AND COULDN'T SEE HIM? WHAT WAS THE MAGNETIC POWER OF THIS MYSTERIOUS STRANGER?



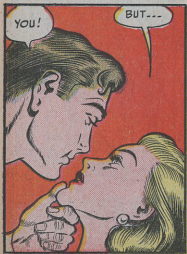
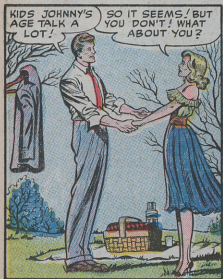
JOHNNY INSISTED UPON SEEING SANDY AGAIN AND, SINCE THE NEXT DAY WAS SUNDAY, I AGREED TO BRING HIM MYSELF! I DON'T KNOW WHY EXCEPT THAT SANDY WAS SUCH A WARM, FRIENDLY SORT OF PERSON THAT I COULDN'T RESIST. WE MET HIM AT TWO!



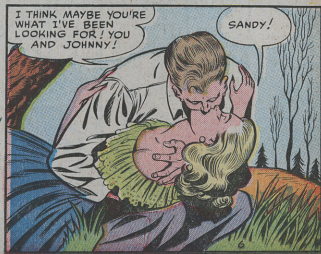
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The PICNIC WAS PERFECT AND THE PLACE WAS PEACEFUL! WE ALL FELT FREE AND EASY AND HAD FUN! JOHNNY WENT TO SLEEP AFTER WE ATE AND SANDY TUCKED HIM SAFELY IN THE CAR! THEN...



Before I KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I WAS IN HIS ARMS AND THEY WERE STRONG AND WONDERFUL! I DIDN'T TRY TO DISCOURAGE HIM BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE THERE!



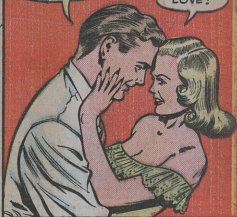
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FOR A MOMENT, I FORGOT THE LONELINESS OF WIDOWHOOD AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MOTHERHOOD! I FORGOT MY JOB AND GLEN AND MY PROMISE TO MARRY HIM! I WAS A GIRL AGAIN, BEING MY AGE, AND RESPONDING TO ROMANCE!

THIS WILL SOUND CRAZY BECAUSE WE ONLY MET YESTERDAY! BUT I LOVE YOU! I WANT TO LOVE YOU FOREVER!

I NEED LOVE!



WHAT ABOUT MR. HARRIS?

SO JOHNNY TOLD YOU ABOUT HIM, TOO! WELL, THEN YOU KNOW I'M A TWO-TIMER!



WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED SOON!

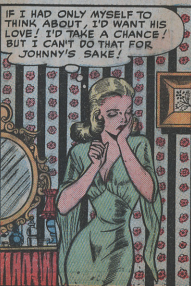
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS THAT SERIOUS! SORRY! I'D BETTER TAKE YOU HOME!



IF YOU EVER FEEL LIKE WALKING IN THE PARK WITH JOHNNY, I'M USUALLY THERE ABOUT FIVE!

I'LL REMEMBER, SANDY! THANKS FOR THE OUTING!

I WALKED THE FLOOR MOST OF THE NIGHT! THERE WAS NO USE TRYING TO HIDE THE TRUTH FROM MYSELF... I WAS IN LOVE WITH SANDY! A WANDERER! A MAN OF MYSTERY WITH SOME MEANS OF SUPPORT OBVIOUSLY, BUT WHAT?



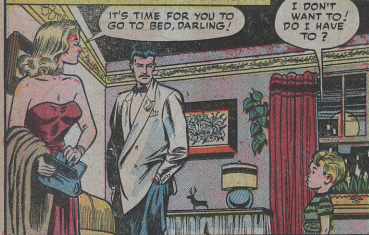
IF I HAD ONLY MYSELF TO THINK ABOUT, I'D WANT HIS LOVE! I'D TAKE A CHANCE! BUT I CAN'T DO THAT FOR JOHNNY'S SAKE!



WHY DID I HAVE TO MEET HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE?

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I KNEW I MUST FORGET SANDY! BUT JOHNNY TALKED ABOUT HIM ALL THE TIME! A FEW NIGHTS LATER...



IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO BED, DARLING!

I DON'T WANT TO! DO I HAVE TO?

YES, YOU HAVE TO! I MAY AS WELL START RIGHT NOW TO SET YOU STRAIGHT, YOUNG MAN! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD OR I'LL GIVE YOU THE SPANKING YOU DESERVE!

I WON'T DO IT FOR YOU! I'LL DO IT FOR MAMMA OR SANDY BUT NOT FOR YOU!



WHO IS THIS SANDY PERSON? HE TOOK MAMMA AND ME ON A PICNIC! AND I LIKE HIM! I WISH...

IS THIS TRUE? DID YOU GO OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE? YES, I DID! ONCE! I MUST SAY, GLEN, THAT HE HANDLED JOHNNY MUCH BETTER THAN YOU! THERE'S NO REASON TO BE TOO SEVERE! YOU'LL GET FARTHER WITH A LITTLE UNDERSTANDING!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! MAYBE THIS WHOLE THING WAS A MISTAKE! MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! MAYBE WE'D BETTER CALL THE ENGAGEMENT OFF!



THE NEXT TIME I'LL PICK A GIRL WHO DOESN'T HAVE A BRAT TO CAUSE TROUBLE!

BRAT! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, I'M LUCKY TO BE RID OF YOU!

I DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH THAT NIGHT, EITHER, AND THE NEXT MORNING I TOLD MRS. LOGAN THE WHOLE STORY! I HAD TO TALK TO SOMEONE AND SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE I HAD!

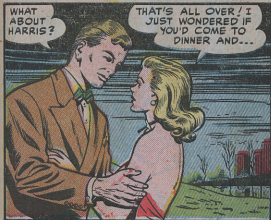
SO THAT'S IT! I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT SANDY! AND GLEN'S GONE!

I CAN TELL YOU NOW, KAYE, THAT I NEVER LIKED MR. HARRIS! BUT I DON'T CONSIDER IT MY BUSINESS TO INTERFERE!





I SPENT THE DAY IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED EMOTION! I WAS THRILLED AT THE THOUGHT OF SEEING SANDY AGAIN BUT DISTRAUGHT WITH A FEAR OF NOT FINDING HIM! I WENT ALONE TO THE PARK AT FIVE!

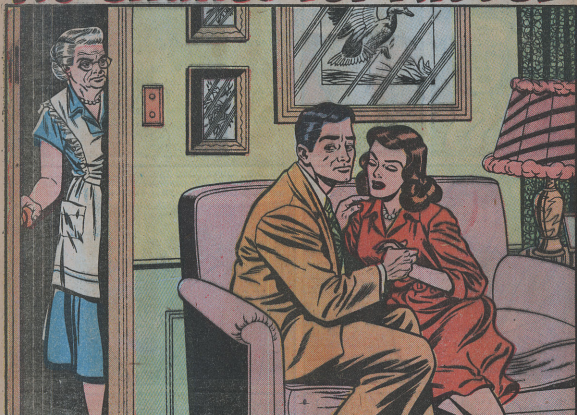


I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT I HEARD! SANDY WANTED TO FIND HIS HAPPINESS WITHOUT RIDING ON A REPUTATION OF RICHES! THAT'S WHY HE HADN'T IDENTIFIED HIMSELF BEFORE! BUT RIGHT THEN, HIS LOVE MEANT MORE TO ME THAN HIS MONEY!



ONE AFTER ANOTHER, MEN WHO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN ME WERE SENT ON THEIR WAY BY MOTHER! OH, SHE MEANT WELL! BUT WHEN I MET THE MAN FATE HAD MEANT FOR ME TO LOVE, MY MOTHER'S INTERFERENCE TOOK A STRANGE TURN THAT LEFT---

No Chance for Kisses



IT SEEMED THAT NONE OF MY FRIENDS COULD MEASURE UP TO MY MOTHER'S EXACTING STANDARDS BECAUSE MY FATHER, WHO DIED WHILE I WAS STILL A LITTLE GIRL, REMAINED THE UNATTAINABLE IDEAL!

I'D SOONER DIE AN OLD MAID THAN BE HUMILIATED AGAIN! NO MORE DATES FOR ME!

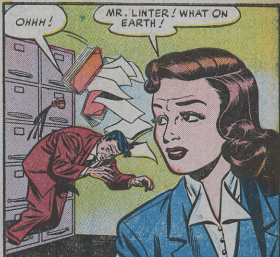


FORGIVE ME FOR LAUGHING, BUT YOU **DO** LOOK FUNNY!

WHAT A DELIGHTFUL SENSE OF HUMOR! GUESS THAT'LL TEACH ME TO SEND THE OFFICE BOY FOR SUPPLIES WHEN I NEED THEM!

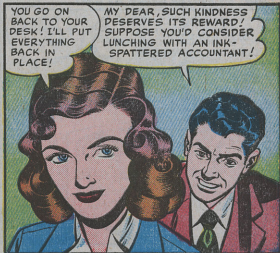


OH!!
MR. LINTER! WHAT ON EARTH!



YOU GO ON BACK TO YOUR DESK! I'LL PUT EVERYTHING BACK IN PLACE!

MY DEAR, SUCH KINDNESS DESERVES ITS REWARD! SUPPOSE YOU'D CONSIDER LUNCHING WITH AN INK-SPATTERED ACCOUNTANT!



AND LATER...

IT'S BEEN FUN, MR. LINTER!

THE NAME IS PAUL! AND IF IT'S BEEN FUN, WHY NOT MORE OF SAME? ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING THIS EVENING?



MY HEART LEAPED, HALF IN ANTICIPATION, HALF IN FEAR! I WANTED TO SEE PAUL AGAIN, BUT I HAD TO WARN HIM!

YOU'LL FIND MY MOTHER RATHER DIFFICULT! SHE SCREENS MY FRIENDS MORE THOROUGHLY THAN THE F.B.I. INVESTIGATES ATOMIC ENERGY WORKERS!

HA, HA! DON'T TRY TO SCARE ME OFF, NANCY!

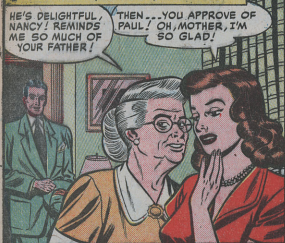


BETTER NOT PLAN ON GOING OUT! I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T KNOW MOTHER!

AND YOU DON'T KNOW PAUL LINTER! AT LEAST, NOT **YET!** BUT WE'RE GOING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, NANCY... VERY, VERY WELL!



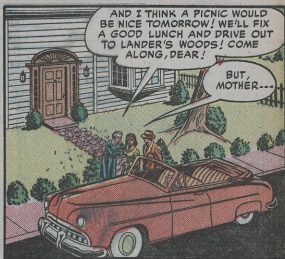
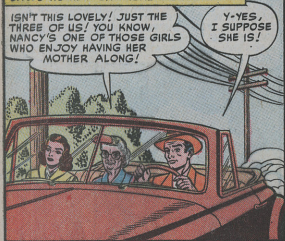
BUT THAT NIGHT, TO MY AMAZEMENT...



BUT I SOON LEARNED THAT MOTHER'S APPROVAL COULD BE MORE EMBARRASSING THAN HER DISAPPROVAL! PAUL AND I COULDN'T BE ALONE TOGETHER FOR A MOMENT!



And NO MATTER WHERE WE WENT...



AND FINALLY, DURING OUR LUNCH HOUR ONE DAY!



I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MOONLIGHT, BUT...I GUESS I CAN TELL YOU I LOVE YOU ANYTIME, DARLING!

AND I LOVE YOU, PAUL! OH, I'VE WANTED YOU TO HOLD ME THIS WAY FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!



I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO NOW, NANCY! WE'LL GET MARRIED AND ALWAYS BE ALONE TOGETHER!



I
LIVED
ON A
GLORIOUS
PINK
CLOUD FOR
THE REST
OF THAT
DAY! BUT
THAT
EVENING
MOTHER
AGAIN
TOOK
OVER!

WE PLAN TO
SNEAK AWAY
FOR A QUIET
CEREMONY
SOMEWHERE
AND THEN...

OH, HEAVENS
NO! WE WANT A
BIG, TRADITIONAL
WEDDING, LIKE
YOUR FATHER
AND I HAD!



**And soon our heads reeled with plans...
MOTHER'S PLANS FOR OUR MARRIAGE!**

WE'LL HAVE THE
RECEPTION AT THE
CRESTVIEW HOTEL!

WHY SPEND
MONEY ON A
HONEYMOON
TRIP? YOU CAN
STAY HERE
AND LATER
WE CAN **ALL**
TAKE A
VACATION
TRIP!

I KNOW YOU'LL LIKE
THE GOWNS I'VE ORDERED!



**PAUL STOOD IT FOR AS LONG AS HE COULD! BUT
FINALLY---**

DARLING, DO YOU
REALIZE IT'S BEEN A
WEEK SINCE I SAW
YOU OUTSIDE THE
OFFICE?

I'VE...BEEN
KIND OF BUSY,
NANCY!



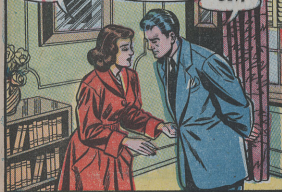
I'M GOING TO
FRESHEN UP, PAUL!
PICK ME UP IN FRONT
OF THE BUILDING AT
5:15, RIGHT?

PAUL, YOU...YOU
AREN'T GOING OUT
WITH ANNE HAYMES!



IS--- **THAT**
WHAT'S KEPT
YOU TOO
BUSY TO SEE
ME?

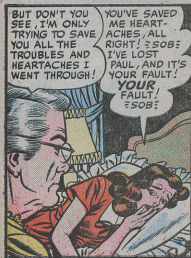
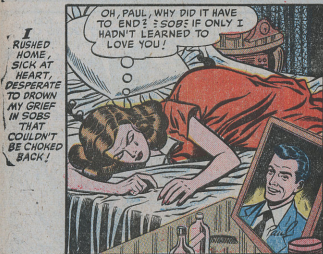
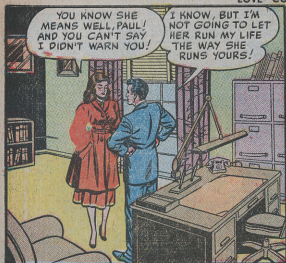
OH, HANG IT, YOU MAY AS WELL
KNOW! ANNE AND I ARE JUST--
FRIENDS, BUT I HAVE BEEN
DATING HER! AT LEAST I CAN
BREATHE FREELY WHEN WE'RE
OUT!



YOU SEEM TO BE
ENJOYING QUITE A
BIT OF "FREEDOM"
FOR A MAN WHO'S
ENGAGED TO BE
MARRIED!

LOOK, NANCY, I LOVE
YOU! I ALWAYS WILL!
BUT YOUR MOTHER IS
JUST TOO MUCH FOR
ME!





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Then, A FEW WEEKS LATER...

DINNER'S ALMOST READY, NANCY! I'M GOING TO AUNT CORA'S FOR THE EVENING!

BUT WHEN I SET THE TABLE FOR TWO, YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT GOING OUT FOR DINNER!



NANCY, DON'T ASK QUESTIONS AND LISTEN! I'VE BEEN LYING AWAKE NIGHTS, REMEMBERING HOW MUCH IT MEANT TO YOUR FATHER AND TO ME, BEING ALONE!



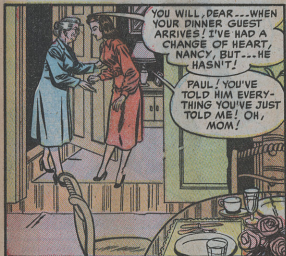
AND I'VE BEEN REMEMBERING THAT DAD HAD HIS FAULTS, AND WE MADE PLenty OF MISTAKES, BUT WE LOVED EACH OTHER IN SPITE OF THEM!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



YOU WILL, DEAR... WHEN YOUR DINNER GUEST ARRIVES! I'VE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART, NANCY, BUT... HE HASN'T!

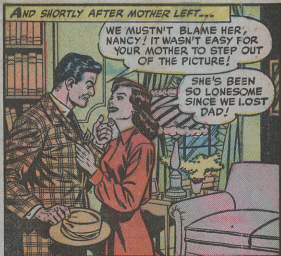
PAUL! YOU'VE TOLD HIM EVERYTHING YOU'VE JUST TOLD ME! OH, MOM!



AND SHORTLY AFTER MOTHER LEFT...

WE MUSTN'T BLAME HER, NANCY! IT WASN'T EASY FOR YOUR MOTHER TO STEP OUT OF THE PICTURE!

SHE'S BEEN SO LONESOME SINCE WE LOST DAD!



NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND, WE'LL MAKE IT UP TO HER! AND THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE ELSE FOR ME, NO MATTER HOW MISERABLE I GET!

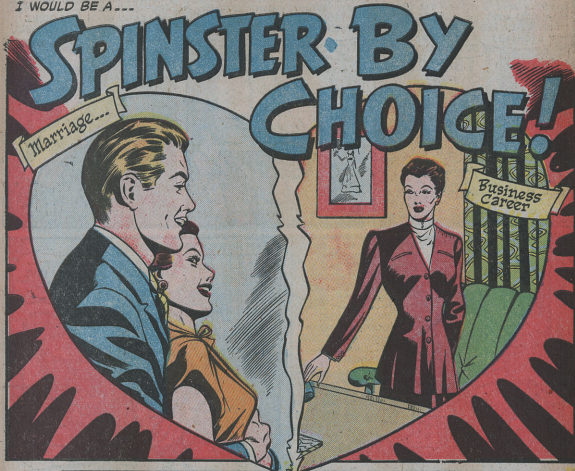
HUSH, DARLING! DON'T WASTE WORDS! WE'RE ALONE NOW!



ALONE TOGETHER! THERE'S MAGIC IN THOSE WORDS... THE SORT OF MAGIC ONLY TWO PEOPLE IN LOVE CAN UNDERSTAND! AND PAUL AND I DIDN'T WASTE A PRECIOUS MOMENT!



TWO WAYS OF LIFE LAY OPEN TO ME AND MY HEART WAS TORN APART BY CONFLICTING DESIRES! MY WOMANLY INSTINCTS URGED A HOME AND FAMILY WITH THE MAN I LOVED! BUT AMBITION AND THE ASSURANCE OF BRILLIANT SUCCESS SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT I WOULD BE A---



As a business woman, I had achieved an enviable position with Agatha Henry and also the respect and devotion of that grand lady herself!

WELL, AGATHA, I DID IT! CLOSED THE DEAL WITH DREW, INCORPORATED FOR A SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR OUR DRESSES!

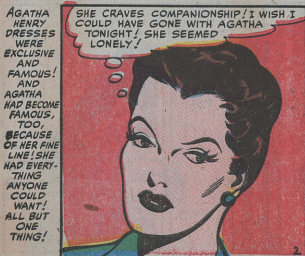
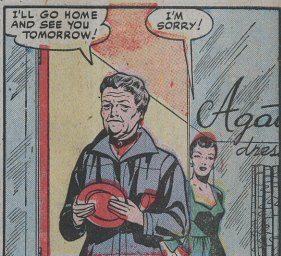
I EXPECTED IT! YOU NEVER FAIL!



JUDITH CLARK, WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT YOU?

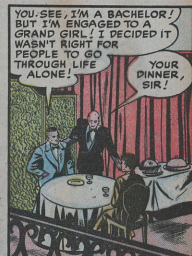
PROBABLY GET ANOTHER SALES MANAGER WHO'D BE TWICE AS GOOD!







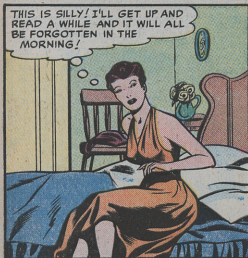
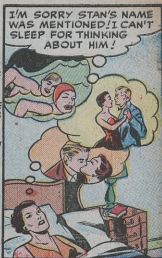
I'VE LEARNED THAT YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT A MAN UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN OUT WITH HIM SOCIALLY! I EXPECTED JIM DREW TO BE A PROBLEM! INSTEAD HE WAS A VERY UNUSUAL GENTLEMAN!



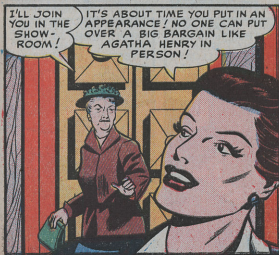
JIM DREW TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE IMPORTANT VALUES OF LIFE AND ABOUT HIS FIANCEE AND THEIR PLANS! I MUST SAY THAT IT STARTED ME THINKING!



I LAY AWAKE THAT NIGHT, THUMBING THROUGH PAGES OF A MENTAL MEMORY BOOK! THE SWIMMING PARTY WHERE WE FIRST MET! MY FIRST FORMAL DANCE! THE NIGHT HE KISSED ME AND SAID HE LOVED ME!

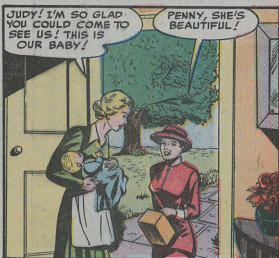
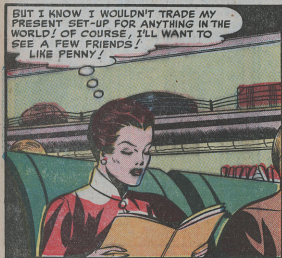
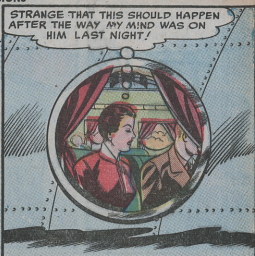


It WAS! THERE WAS TOO MUCH BUSINESS BUZZING THROUGH MY BRAIN TO LEAVE A PLACE FOR SENTIMENT! WHEN AGATHA ARRIVED AT TEN...



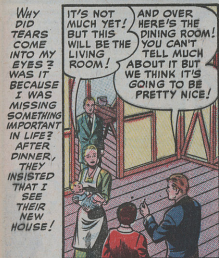
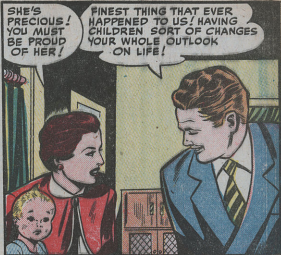


I HURRIED TO MY APARTMENT AND PACKED A BAG AND WAS SOON ON A PLANE, HEADED FOR MY OLD HOME TOWN OF SUNNYVALE! STAN CAME INTO MY THOUGHTS AGAIN THEN!

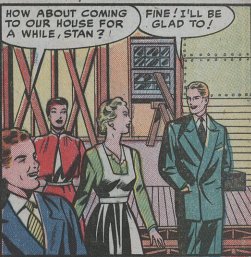


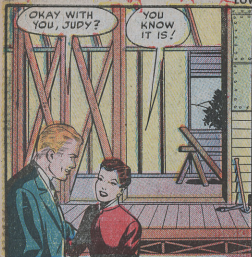
PENNY AND I HAD BEEN PALS WHEN WE WERE KIDS! SHE HAD INVITED ME FOR A MIDDAY SUNDAY DINNER AND I COULDN'T HELP ENVYING HER HAPPINESS!





A LUMP CAME INTO MY THROAT THAT I COULDN'T SEEM TO SWALLOW! I HAD BEEN EXTREMELY FOND OF STAN ONCE! WAS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE LOVE STILL LINGERED? I WAS GLAD WHEN BERT BROKE THE SILENCE!





OKAY WITH YOU, JUDY?

YOU KNOW IT IS!

IT WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN MY FEELINGS THAT DAY! HALF OF ME WAS MILES AWAY WITH AGATHA AND THE BUSINESS! THE OTHER HALF WAS HERE WITH OLD FRIENDS AND WITH STAN AND LONGING TO STAY! WHEN HE TOOK ME HOME TOWARD EVENING...



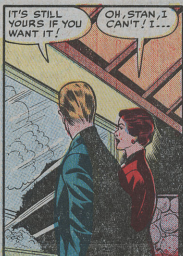
I WANT YOU TO SEE THIS HOUSE I BUILT! IT'S THE BEST THING I EVER DID!

IT LOOKS LIKE SORT OF A DREAM HOUSE!



IT'S LOVELY! THE SORT OF HOUSE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!

I KNOW! THIS MAY SURPRISE YOU, JUDY, BUT I PLANNED IT A FEW YEARS AGO! FOR YOU!



IT'S STILL YOURS IF YOU WANT IT!

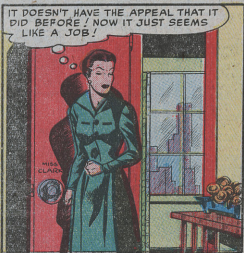
OH, STAN, I CAN'T! I...



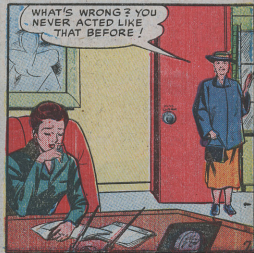
I UNDERSTAND! I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I NEVER LOVED ANYBODY BUT YOU! DOUBT IF I EVER WILL!

STAN! OH, DARLING, I NEVER MEANT TO HURT YOU!

FOR A SWIFT MOMENT, I WAS IN HIS EMBRACE! HE KISSED ME FIERCELY AS IF IT WERE A FINAL FAREWELL! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO LEAVE SO SOON BUT MY AUNT WAS WELL AND I WANTED TO GET AWAY! THE NEXT DAY, I WAS BACK IN THE OFFICE!



IT DOESN'T HAVE THE APPEAL THAT IT DID BEFORE! NOW IT JUST SEEMS LIKE A JOB!



WHAT'S WRONG? YOU NEVER ACTED LIKE THAT BEFORE!



I TOLD HER THE TRUTH BECAUSE I KNEW SHE WAS KEEN ENOUGH TO DIG IT OUT OF ME EVENTUALLY! I TOLD HER HOW DEPRIVED I HAD FELT WHEN I HELD PENNY'S BABY AND DESCRIBED THE HOUSE STAN HAD BUILT FOR ME!



It WASN'T LONG UNTIL I WAS BACK IN STAN'S ARMS AND I KNEW THAT I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION! I KNEW BY THE MAGIC OF HIS KISS AND THE CONTENTMENT THAT CAME FROM BEING IN HIS ARMS!



Be Yourself

NO one could ever have called Marcia Garson beautiful or glamorous. But neither would they have denied that she was attractive in a comfortable sort of way. It was her unaffectedness, the lack of make-up and fancy hair-dos, the casual simplicity of her clothes that gave her a natural charm. Her friends usually referred to her as a "sweet kid" or a "real swell little gal!"

Marcia might have been satisfied to stay that way if her wealthy aunt and uncle hadn't gone abroad for a while and urged her to live in their luxurious terrace apartment during their absence. And that, in itself, would probably not have brought about the change if she hadn't met Barry Mathis who lived next door. That was when she made the mistake of trying to make herself over.

She had been there only two days when she met Barry. She had stepped out on the terrace that night to look at the glittering spectacle of the city lights below when she saw him watching her.

"Hello," he said. "Didn't know I had a new neighbor! Like the view?"

"Oh, yes," she replied with honest enthusiasm. "I think it's simply beautiful!"

"I like it, too," he smiled. "That's why I live up here. You get away from the wear and tear, yet you feel like a part of it in a way!"

They introduced themselves and talked for some time before he finally asked her in for dinner. Then noticing her hesitation he said, "Oh, it's all right! The maid and butler are both here so we won't be alone!"

The dinner was wonderful but the man was marvelous. He was an artist, an illustrator, with a specialty for glamor girls. Marcia later learned that he was tops in the field with a reputation for being the best and highest paid man in the market. He was young, too, and quite good looking. And after a few friendly meetings and several dinners out and quite a number of casual dates that weren't planned but just happened, Marcia's mind went to nothing but Barry and she realized that she was head over heels in love with him. But she knew, too, that she was facing formidable competition.

"How can I cope with those gorgeous girls who are his models?" she asked herself sadly. "They're all so glamorous and I—I'm just plain old me!"

She frequently met him going out with one of the models. She knew that no one would be a better judge of feminine beauty than he. She was also well aware of the fact that she fell far short when it

came to glamor but perhaps it was because she had never made any moves in that direction. She thought it would be worth a try.

So that's what brought about the change in Marcia. She stood on the terrace one night in a highly styled dress, her hair done stiffly but smartly, and wearing too much makeup which masked the softness of her face. Barry saw her from his terrace and stared in surprise.

"Hm! You've made quite a change," he commented. "Now you look like the models!"

"I do?" smiled Marcia sweetly but with her head tilted slightly to strike a proper pose. "Thank you!"

She eyed herself in the mirror later. "Maybe now," she reflected, "I can compete with those others. Up to this point, he's acted like a pal. After seeing me this way, he might get serious!"

But Marcia was due for a disappointment for instead of being sought after by Barry, she scarcely saw him after that at all! When she did, it was a brief meeting in the lobby or corridor and a slight exchange of polite conversation. The good feeling between them was gone.

"Oh, what's the use?" sighed Marcia one night. "I'm sick of all this pretense and I hate beauty parlors all the time and being stuck in these uncomfortable clothes. Where is it getting me? I give up!"

She washed the makeup from her face and put on only lipstick as she had done before. She combed her hair down and donned a simple cotton house-dress and decided, once again, to be comfortable. It was good. She went onto the terrace to let the breeze blow through her loose hair because it was a nice, free feeling. She didn't know that Barry was watching her.

Soon after, when she was cooking bacon and eggs for a simple supper, the doorbell rang. Barry stood there sniffing the air and smiling broadly.

"I smelled bacon and eggs," he said with a big grin, "and wondered if you could fix enough for two!"

"Certainly, if you like that sort of thing," she stammered.

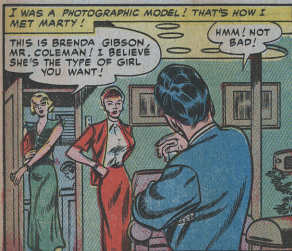
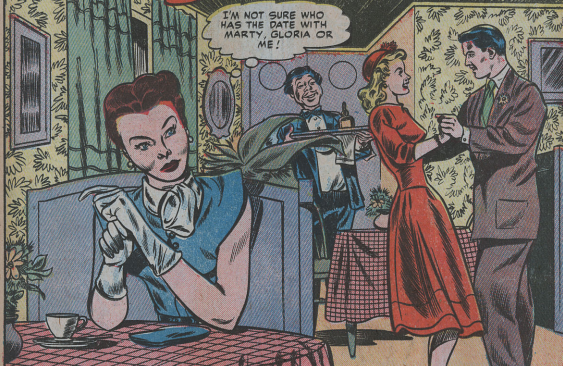
"I sure do," he replied. "And I like you, too—this way. You know, honey, this is the way I learned to love you!"

"Love me?" she repeated with wide eyes.

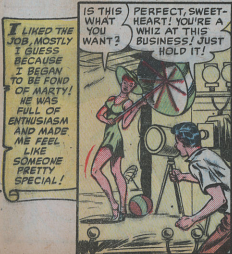
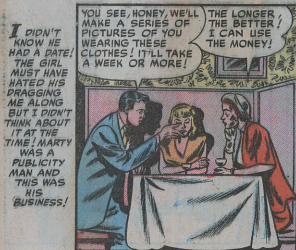
"I get fed up with artificial women," he explained as he put his arm around her, "but that's my business. From now on will you be my girl and just be yourself?"

WAS I WRONG TO EXPECT A LITTLE ROMANCE FROM THE MAN I WAS TO MARRY? ISN'T IT CUSTOMARY FOR ENGAGED COUPLES TO BE ALONE SOMETIMES WITH THEIR PLANS AND THEIR DREAMS? NOT SO WITH MARTY AND ME! SOMEONE WAS ALWAYS ALONG UNTIL I FELT, EVEN WITH MY OWN FIANCE, THAT

I WAS A Third Wheel



LOVE CONFESSIONS



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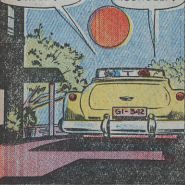
TENNIS
CAME NEXT!
THEN
GOLF! SLACK
SUITS, SHORTS,
BOATING
OUTFITS
AND PICNIC
CASUALS!
WE FINISHED
WITH THE
PICNIC
AND MADE
IT THE
REAL
THING!



WE WERE ALONE LATER WHEN MARTY TOOK ME HOME!

HONEY, YOU'VE MADE A BIG HIT WITH ME! YOU'RE SWELL!

YOU'RE PRETTY NICE YOURSELF!



THEN HOW ABOUT A DATE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT AND A KISS FOR THE BARGAIN?

WHY NOT?



MARTY'S
KISS
MEASURED
UP TO HIS
OTHER
EXCITING
QUALITIES!
IT MADE
MY HEART
BOUNCE
AND MY
HEAD
SWIM!
AND SUDDENLY I KNEW I WAS IN LOVE AND LIKED IT! AS I WENT IN TO MY APARTMENT...

HELLO!
GOING UP?

YES! THANKS FOR HOLDING THE ELEVATOR FOR ME!



WHAT FLOOR?

SIX!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

THAT'S MINE, TOO!
WE MUST BE
NEIGHBORS!

HOW
NICE!

YES, IT IS! BECAUSE YOU
HAVE THE HAPPIEST FACE
I'VE SEEN SINCE I
CAME TO THIS CITY!

I GUESS
HAPPINESS
IS A THING
THAT CAN'T
BE HIDDEN!
BUT I MUST
HAVE
APPEARED
COMPLETELY
RADIANT
WHEN, A
FEW
NIGHTS
LATER...

LOOK, MY LOVELY,
I'M COMPLETELY
CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
WILL YOU MARRY
ME SOME DAY
WHEN I GET
ENOUGH DOUGH?

YES,
DARLING!
DID YOU
HAVE
ANY
DOUBTS
ABOUT
THAT?

I DIDN'T
THINK
SO!

NOW YOU
KNOW!

MARTY
WAS ARDENT
AT FIRST,
THOUGH
HE ALWAYS
PUT ASIDE
ANY
SUGGESTION
OF WEDDING
PLANS! BUT
VERY SOON,
IT SEEMED
THAT HE
ALWAYS
WANTED
SOMEBODY
AROUND!
AND
ALWAYS
ANOTHER
GIRL!

HI, HONEY! I'M OUT
WITH ANOTHER MODEL,
GLORIA SHIELDS!
WE'LL MEET YOU
AT THE BOHEMIA
RESTAURANT IN
TWENTY MINUTES!

IT'LL BE A LITTLE
LONGER THAN
THAT, MARTY!
I'LL GET THERE
AS SOON AS
I CAN!

I'M NOT EXACTLY CRAZY ABOUT HAVING
ANOTHER GAL ALONG BUT I KNOW IT'S
IMPORTANT TO MARTY'S BUSINESS!

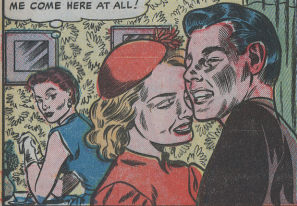
HELLO! WE ALWAYS SEEM
TO MEET ON THE
ELEVATOR!

YES, ONLY THIS TIME
WE'RE GOING DOWN!

LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WENT DOWN LOWER THAN I EXPECTED!

HE'S DANCED WITH HER ALL EVENING! I DON'T KNOW WHY MARTY HAD ME COME HERE AT ALL!



YOU'RE A GOOD DANCER, GLORIA! TOPS! AND YOU'LL BE TERRIFIC IN THIS SOAP SERIES OF OURS!



ANOTHER NIGHT...

I BROUGHT BETH ALONG! SHE'S THE BOSS'S SECRETARY! HAD NOTHING TO DO!

FINE! IF YOU WANT HER!



IT'S REALLY AWFUL FOR ME TO BARGE IN LIKE THIS!

NOT AT ALL, BETH! WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU COME ALONG!

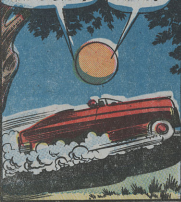


...AND THEN, MARTY, THE BOSS BLEW UP! YELLED TILL I THOUGHT HE'D RAISE THE ROOF! AFTERWARDS HE TOLD ME HE WAS SORRY!

HA, HA! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU COULD SOFTEN THE OLD BOY! YOU HAVE A WAY WITH YOU, SWEETHEART!

ARE WE BORING YOU, BRENDA, TALKING SHOP?

NO! GO RIGHT AHEAD!



I WASN'T BORED! I WAS FURIOUS! AND THE BUSINESS OF ALWAYS HAVING COMPANY CONTINUED! IF IT WASN'T BETH OR GLORIA, IT WAS RUTH OR DOLORES! ONE NIGHT...

MARTY, WE'RE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DRAG OTHER GIRLS ALONG?

THEY'RE LONESOME! I LIKE TO BE A GOOD JOE!



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THAT'S A GOOD EXCUSE! WITH OTHER WOMEN ALWAYS AROUND, I'M THE ONE WHO IS LONELY!



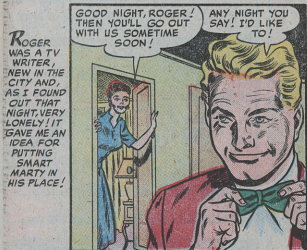
WE MEET AGAIN! MAYBE I'D BETTER INTRO- DUCE MYSELF! I'M ROGER DOUGLAS!

AND I'M BRENDA GIBSON! SORRY, BUT I'M JUST A LITTLE BIT UPSET!



DON'T APOLOGIZE! I THINK IT'S TIME WE GOT ACQUAINTED! HOW ABOUT GOING AROUND THE CORNER FOR A CUP OF COFFEE?

I'D LOVE IT!



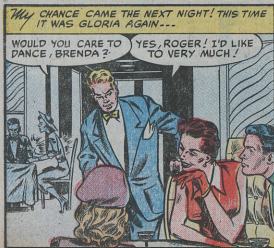
GOOD NIGHT, ROGER! THEN YOU'LL GO OUT WITH US SOMETIME SOON!

ANY NIGHT YOU SAY! I'D LIKE TO!

ROGER WAS A TV WRITER, NEW IN THE CITY AND, AS I FOUND OUT THAT NIGHT, VERY LONELY! IT GAVE ME AN IDEA FOR PUTTING SMART MARTY IN HIS PLACE!



MARTY'S ALWAYS BRINGING GALS ALONG! I'LL GIVE HIM A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!



WOULD YOU CARE TO DANCE, BRENDA?

YES, ROGER! I'D LIKE TO VERY MUCH!

THE CHANCE CAME THE NEXT NIGHT! THIS TIME IT WAS GLORIA AGAIN---

I HAD LIKED ROGER FROM THE FIRST! BUT BEING OUT WITH HIM MADE ME LIKE HIM EVEN BETTER! HE WAS A GENTLEMAN IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD! ONLY I HAD PUT HIM IN A PRETTY BAD POSITION!



I'M AFRAID I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME! I DON'T THINK MARTY LIKES IT!

DON'T WORRY! I DO!

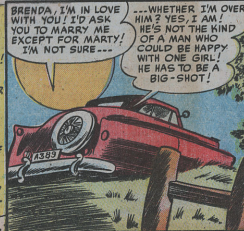
LOVE CONFESSIONS



There
was a
silent
tension
at the
table
until Marty
danced
with
Gloria
again!
I wanted
to cry
but I was
too numb
for tears!
And I
felt that
I had done
Roger
a rare
injustice!



ON THE
WAY HOME,
I TOLD
ROGER THE
WHOLE TRUTH!
I DIDN'T
HEAR FROM
MARTY AFTER
THAT! I
KNEW I
WOULDN'T!
BUT ROGER
WAS
CONSIDERATE
AND KIND -
AND TOOK
ME OUT
OFTEN! AND
FINALLY...



YES! YOU PLAY SONG HITS INSTANTLY!



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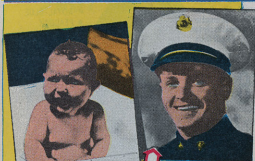
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